

SKYWARN Spotter Program

Training Schedule

WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING IN FARMINGTON

The National Weather Service in Albuquerque, the Office of Emergency Management, and the San Juan County Amateur Radio club will jointly sponsor free SKYWARN spotter training on April 26th. The public is invited.

Location: Farmington Museum & Visitors Center at Gateway Park

3041 East Main St.

Farmington, NM

Date: Tuesday, April 26th 2005

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

If you are interested in becoming a spotter, are already a spotter but need a refresher course, or just want to learn more about the hazards of severe weather, you are invited to attend a NWS SKYWARN Spotter Training Session at the City of Farmington Museum.

During the two-hour course, Spotters will be taught how to identify hazardous weather features, who to call when certain criteria are met, and how to avoid injury or death by following safety rules. Some basic meteorological concepts are also covered, which gives the spotter confidence when reporting adverse weather.

The prime mission of the National Weather Service is to save lives and property through timely warnings and forecasts. Technology plays a big part through Doppler radar, state-of-the-art satellite imagery and ever-improving supercomputers. However, many small-scale features cannot be detected or forecast by technology alone. This is especially true in the Four Corners region, where volunteer weather spotters have always been the eyes and ears of the National Weather Service in reference to its warning program. Additionally, amateur radio operators tie special communication nets directly to the NWS offices.

For more information contact Don Cooper, San Juan County EM, at 505-334-1180 or Kerry Jones, NWS Albuquerque at 1-888-386-7637.

